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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Naruhito KONDO et al.

Title: METHOD OF TREATING WASTE FROM NUCLEAR FUEL HANDLING FACILITY AND APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT THE SAME

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1 and 17, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

Please amend the following claims 1 and 17.

1. (Once Amended) A method of treating electrically conductive waste contaminated with nuclear fuel materials from a nuclear fuel handling facility, which comprises: